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SQUARE.

## THE BEACON TREE.

Gleaming brightly down through the  
violet of days which still separate it from  
the longings of the Evening World, the  
tree sends golden beams of light to  
the eyes of the eager children for whom it  
grows and for whom it is to yield its fruit.  
To-morrow week the merry feast will be at  
hand.

There is plenty of room on the beautiful  
tree for more presents, and there is no possi-  
ble danger of the children giving out.  
Let no one dream that the offerings may be  
multiplied till the need of them is exceeded.  
No! There is too large a population of un-  
counted children for that to happen.

The time is short. Give what you can  
without delay, good friends of the poor  
children. A pretty tree is already assured,  
and Christmas Day will see it raised for  
those joyous boys and girls. But it should  
be a huge, magnificent specimen of its kind,  
whose wide-spreading arms may shelter a  
laughing throng of great numbers.

Every new contribution helps to this end.  
Have you sent any? If not, do so. You  
will not only be adding to the account of the  
merry-making and have to feel that others,  
who were no more held to it than you, sup-  
plied everything to the happy crowd. Send  
something, and have your share in this  
good deed.

## THE KOCH LYMPH.

All sensational reports about the lymph  
prepared by Dr. Koch, which is alleged to  
be a cure for consumption, should be  
guaranteed against with the most scrupulous  
care. Whatever virtue the lymph may have  
is as yet still conjectural. The varying  
statements made in regard to its curative  
power, and the ill result of many of the  
experiments are sufficient reasons for ac-  
cepting slowly and only after thorough de-  
monstration what is asserted about the  
marvelous lymph.

An authority as eminent as that of the  
world-renowned Vaccaro has declared  
that the efficacy of the lymph, even for the  
case of lupus, strongly needs demonstration,  
and this very able Professor thinks two  
or three years of experiment not too  
little to establish the real character of Dr.  
Koch's remedy.

It is not certain that it cures, nor more  
certain that it will cure, and there is the  
greatest doubt that its too ready application  
leads to deplorable results. Reports like  
those sent out from New Haven are only  
mischievous, as they assume a certainty  
which is by no means established.

The child who watches the gray clouds  
that lower on the day of his school excur-  
sion will readily believe any report that the  
day will be fair. Poor victims, doomed to  
the wasting cloud of consumption, accept a  
straw of hope as if it were an iron bar of  
certainty. But the only wise and prudent  
thing is to wait until proof is certain.

## IRISH LEADERS.

Mr. PARNELL does not seem to have  
scored any very brilliant points by trans-  
ferring his activity to Irish soil. The  
speech-making is attended with plenty of  
popular enthusiasm, but it is not all ex-  
pended upon Mr. PARNELL.

MICHAEL DAVITT, fighting his way through  
a crowd like a gladiator and working for  
Ireland, not only with the powerful elo-  
quence of his tongue but the also powerful  
persuasiveness of his one arm, is a spec-  
tacular figure which illustrates the conditions  
under which vital political questions are can-  
vassed in the Emerald Isle. He is tooth  
and nail against PARNELL, and longs to  
meet him in an oratorical tilt. The friend of  
Mr. O'SHEA declines such encounter.

If Mr. PARNELL got seriously blinded by  
lime thrown in his eyes there may be a  
slight reaction in his favor. But Mr.  
DAVITT was checked on the head pretty  
sharply, so he must be easy. PARNELL is  
fighting for PARNELL now more than for  
Ireland, and his prestige is daily waning  
more.

## AN \$15,000 RENT.

In the art rooms in Omaha a young man  
who disapproved of a picture by BOURGUEAU  
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with his legs. The result was two large and  
jagged rents which may cost the young  
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partisan injustice will add another black  
mark to its score. Everything that could  
be done to prevent this has been done, but  
the labor was futile.

It is not EYRAUD, the stranger, nor GA-  
BRIELLE BOMPARD, the courtesan, nor yet  
the manner of their crime, that causes the  
crowding of the Paris court-room where the  
trial of these two murderers is going on.  
The strange theory and mystery of

hypnotic influence, set up in the defense of  
the accused woman, has caught the public at  
its most susceptible point.

Perhaps Senator SHERMAN's silence on  
the Force Bill is explained. He was possi-  
bly evading that beautiful scheme of a  
financial merry-go-round, in which it is  
proposed that National bank bond deposits,  
Treasury notes and other features shall  
whirl about a central figure, made up of  
12,000,000 ounces of newly purchased silver.

The present misfortune of those who be-  
lieve they are patriotically paying the  
way for a new third party is that they are  
not unanimous. However, the older parties  
will be kept guessing for some time yet on  
the possible outcome of the two confer-  
ences and one convention already called for  
February.

One fine thing brought out by the Court  
of Inquiry over the loss of the *Serpent* is  
that the commander and the men died with  
consummate coolness. They bade each other  
"good-by" and sank like heroes in the  
seething flood. Whenever death is  
calmly faced it is a credit to the one who  
dies.

Mr. PLATT expresses an almost suspicious  
degree of delight over the idea that the New  
York Republicans mean to harmonize. He  
is apprehensive, however, lest Mr. MILLER  
find a discordant element in Mr. BELDEN,  
when it comes to keeping up for the next  
Governatorial campaign.

The easy berth of a Dock Commissioner  
has been made after yet. The indulgent  
Board of Apportionment has increased the  
salary from \$10,000 to \$5,000. It is a lovely  
post of refuge, the snug Harbor of dis-  
mantled politicians.

The Faneuil Committee tackles the Fire  
Department again. It was commonly sup-  
posed that Commissioner PERNOTT's extin-  
guisher had smothered the burning anger of  
the investigators at the last session of the  
Committee.

SHARP-NONE, the small Arapahoe chief,  
says the Indians are in a bluff to get  
you to eat. If food will please the tor-  
rid redskins, why not feed him? Corn  
is a good compromise for healthy white  
men's blood.

Disregard his party's counsels in other  
ways as he will, President HARRISON does  
not hesitate before promoting Attorney-  
General MILLER to the Supreme Bench.  
People, as well as party, are against that  
course.

## SPOTLETS.

The Ark was the first one-headed boat heard of.

It is very proper for a party "whip" to have a lot  
of "snap."

Many a man is a great boaster so far as the flowing  
bowls is concerned.

The man who would work for an income of a  
million because he only spends \$5,000 a year is a  
great and unique philosopher.

A fool and his money soon part, they say.  
But the money he gets back in the end with  
himself is worth while being a fool today.  
If it only can get some of the money.

The report that Joe Dougherty had a "kiss" on  
his forehead cannot be construed as a libel on Joe's  
temperance.

Sitting Bull has taken a back seat now.

When Jay Gould owns the whole country will be  
have his name changed?

Young people are apt to think that old sense is  
nausea.

A small barber is a little stiver, but a little stiver  
is often a great barber.

## WORLDLINGS.

A globe-trotter who has returned from a trip to  
Brazil, says that the Argentine capital, says that on  
Sunday when he was present at the races that over  
\$6,000,000 changed hands on bets.

A degree named Caroline Jenkins, living near  
Houston, Tex., is a veritable Nanny. Four  
policemen went to arrest her, when she took  
them one by one, threw them out of the house and  
looked the door upon them. She can break a lock  
with ease by stretching it from hand to hand.

Mrs. Furdham, a well-known English bicycle  
rider, has ridden a sixty-mile hour, at the rate of  
70 miles a day, and hopes to cover 2,000  
miles before the season closes.

The first titled Englishman to become a land-  
owner is Lady Wimburne, who has established a  
small country on her husband's estate in Dorset-  
shire. The enterprise has been as well conducted  
that it yields the owners a profitable income.

Queen Emma, of Hawaii, the Queen Regent,  
is still a young woman, having been born in 1835.

## It Was No Use.

(From *Litt.*)



Groom to bride, as they arrive at their first  
stopping place, after the ceremony. "Now,  
Laura, darling, don't let these people know we  
have just been married."

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## THE WAYS OF WOMAN FAIR.

Fads, Fashions and Fancies That  
Delight the Gentler Sex.

Boss Are Still in Fashion—How to  
Imitate Old Lace—A Cheap Dress-  
ing Gown—Plain Dresses  
on the Street.

The fashion of the box is by no means  
abandoned, though more forms of feathers are  
seen than of fur. Lys, fox, black, blue  
and natural colors are all used for boxes, and  
also silver fox fur. Tiny cravats made of a  
sable or of a dark pink skin, his head  
mounted on one side, and sometimes fitted  
with jeweled eyes, are still popular, and often  
a second animal is used as a garniture to the  
English turban worn by young ladies.



Christmas is coming, and the pure-pro-  
fession is abroad in the land. She is bold,  
fearless, loud-voiced, stony-hearted and  
cruelly devoid of manners.

Perfectly plain dresses rule the street and  
the sensible woman protests against the slight-  
est extravagance.

Did you ever stop to admire the handsome  
dressing-gown which are often exhibited in  
the men's furnishing stores? Unless you have  
a well-filled purse you can do so to admire.  
Well, I have a clever friend who has just made  
one for a Christmas present, and she declares  
it cost her only a third of what they charge  
for them in the large shops. This is how  
she did it. She bought a pair of handsome  
soft blankets of medium weight. The gown  
was cut from these, binding it with rose silk  
and had buttons and cords made to match. Cer-  
tainly the gown was very handsome, and when  
she informed me that she had enough material  
left to make a pair of trousers, I was the  
more impressed with the cleverness and econ-  
omy of her scheme.

Our linen sheets, which are strong enough  
for bed linen, can be utilized to advantage for  
tea scarves, bureau scarves, or any of the covers  
which are necessary. This old linen is much  
finer than that bought for embroidery pur-  
poses and is much easier to work on.

By a clever manipulation even an ordinary  
quality of machine-made lace can be toned up  
to bear a close resemblance to the genuine  
article. If the pattern is good, and thread not  
too coarse let the wearer go forth rejoicing.  
She may use her doctored trimming with im-  
punity, and even permit scrutiny, secure in the  
success of her imposture. Here is the recipe  
from the *Detroit Free Press* by which hundreds  
of yards are satisfactorily treated: every yard.  
Make a strong solution of boiling tea, strong  
and, when cold, use to rinse the lace. Do not  
crush in wringer, but press with the hands  
until partially dry. Now spread on a clean  
ironing board, and be careful to separate the  
delicate points so that the pattern may be pre-  
served. When dry a fine flat iron will be re-  
marked, leaving the lace material available  
tinted of yellowish antiquity.

Mrs. Amelia E. Barr, whose novel divides her  
talents between the *Western* and the *Century*,  
is said to make more money than does the  
justice of the United States. She is the  
daughter of a Church of England clergyman  
and grew up and married across the sea.  
Upon first coming to America, the family  
settled in Texas. There yellow fever carried  
off the husband and sons. Mrs. Barr came  
North and got a place as teacher. One day at  
a dinner party a lady asked her: "If you  
could not read, how would you tell me what  
you were doing?" The result was a short story  
in the *Christian Union*. The Texas experience  
furnished the local color for "Remember the  
Alamo," which, however, is far from being  
Mrs. Barr's best book. Indeed, the story is so  
confronted with history that it drags through-  
out, and in spots is distinctly untrue. How-  
ever, it sells, and the juggling of the guinea  
helps all that art may feel.

## HOTTEST PLACE ON EARTH.

Bohrin, by the Gulf of Persia, Leads  
All Rivals.

There are many very warm spots in the  
torrid zone, but Bohr in, by the Gulf of  
Persia, seems to be, as far as temperature  
goes, absolutely without a rival, says the  
*Scotsman*.

For forty consecutive days in July and  
August, 1889, which was by no means an  
exceptional season, the thermometer was  
known not to fall lower than 100 degrees  
Fahrenheit, night day, and often rose to  
up as high as 125 degrees in the afternoon.  
Nature, as if to make the spot an in-  
tolerable to human beings as possible, has  
banished all water from the rocks of the  
locality—at least, none has ever been pro-  
duced by digging to depths of nearly 500  
feet, and the numerous pits or dry wells  
in the neighborhood show how thoroughly the  
upper stratum has been tapped.

In spite of these apparently insupport-  
able conditions, however, mankind has  
contrived to dominate and multiply in this  
region to an amazing extent, and the  
necessary fresh drinking water which the  
sand has refused to yield is obtained from  
the bottom of the Gulf of Persia, where,  
at a distance of more than a mile from the  
shore, innumerable copious springs burst  
forth.

Great Saving of Labor.  
(From *Litt.*)

There are many well-meaning parents who  
have not the heart to punish their children.  
This ingenious machine has been gotten up for  
their benefit. All they have to do is to look  
the child in the face and leave the room.  
The machine does the rest. It will give any  
number of strokes to the minute by fixing the  
hand on the dial.

## THE GLEANER.

It is proverbially clinging, but that it can  
be so completely tempted from its original  
haven is a fact that has often been exam-  
pled. At the present time there are three  
pretty little girls, full of sap and verdant, that  
scent their leaves in the sunshine of the  
American metropolis, and look very im-  
portant, as they may well be. I have the honor  
to bring to light at night at the home of Mrs.  
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